

# DATA METHODOLOGY

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## ● SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NUTRITION PROGRAMS

CFPA's estimates of children eligible for USDA school and community nutrition programs are taken from the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau 1999 estimates of children at 15-17 years of age for breakfast and lunch and 0-18 years for summer food that live at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). **This is an important difference from last year's county profiles, which was only able to use free and reduced-priced enrollment numbers because of the data limitations.**

CFPA estimates of children not participating in the school and community nutrition programs are based on data provided by the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division. The School Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participation data are average daily participation among children eligible for free or reduced-priced meals during the 2001-2002 school year. The free and reduced-priced participation rate comes from calculating the percent of free and reduced-priced meals to total meals and multiplying it by the average daily participation of the average daily attendance as noted in CDE's County Profiles, 2001-02. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) data is a California Department of Education number of average daily participation in the Summer Food Service Program from July 2002 in traditional, waiver and NSLP in July sites. CFPA *does not* include children who pay full price meals in any of our participation data as the focus is shifted towards low-income populations.